Directeurs, to give you my opinion of the generals on duty with this army:

Berthier: talent, energy, courage, force, everything.

Augereau: strong character, courage, firmness, energy; has much experience of war, is liked by the soldiers, and is fortunate in what he undertakes.

Massena: active, indefatigable; has boldness, instinct, and decision.

Serrurier: fights like a soldier; lacks initiative; firm; has too low an opinion of his men; is ill.

Despinoy: flabby, no energy, no boldness; is riot made for warfare; is not liked by his men, and won't lead them into action; but high-minded, intelligent, and sound in politics; good for a home command.

Sauret: good, very good soldier; not enough education for a general; not lucky.

Abbatucci: not fit to command fifty men.

Gamier, Meunier, Casabianca: incapable; not fit to command a battalion in so lively and difficult a campaign as this.

Macquart: a good fellow; no talent; dash.

Gaultier: good for office work; has never seen active service.

How many blunders Murat has committed for the sake of nlacinff his headcmarters in a castle where there were